

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April 2021, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom:

Present: Brian Stanley, District 1, Chairman
Eurika Tyree, District 3, Vice-Chairman
Ron Tavernier, District 2
Gene Brooks, District 4
Robert Saunders, Jr., District 5
Don Unmussig, County Administrator
Jennifer Crews, Finance Director
Brian Butler, County Attorney
Stephany Johnson,

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.
County Administrator, Don Unmussig called the roll.

3. Roll Call

Stephany Johnson called the roll.

4. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders and seconded by Supervisor Tyree, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – absent
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

*** Supervisor Tavernier arrived at 7:05 p.m.***

5. **Public Hearing**

Chairman Stanley reminded those in attendance that while the Board will be conducting the public hearings tonight, there will be no action taken at this meeting on neither the FYE21-22 budget, the 2021 tax rate, nor the FYE21-FYE26 CIP. They will be taking public comments and welcomed those.

The Chairman then turned the meeting over to Don Unmussig, County Administrator for his budget presentation. Mr. Unmussig provided and discussed the proposed FYE 2021-2022 recommended budget with a PowerPoint slideshow that was shared electronically during the meeting for the public to view. The presentation was also posted on the meeting page of the county website located at <https://cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov>. After the presentation, Mr. Unmussig turned the meeting back over to the Chairman.

Chairman Stanley thanked Mr. Unmussig and staff for the work done on the presentation and Supervisor Tavernier agreed.

Supervisor Tavernier commented that he was glad to see reduced expenses. He also added that when the state mandates pay raises, those raises are unfunded, the County pays for that.

Chairman Stanley noted that we're in a unique time and thanks to the CARES money, the County has been able to do things to benefit the citizens. He also thanked Dr. Chip Jones for all the work he's done.

Supervisor Tavernier also commented on the roundabout. He stated he visited the area and the school. After looking at the Drawings, the project can be scaled down, by removing bike paths and sidewalks.

Supervisor Brooks commented that he has no intention of canceling the roundabout project if it will negatively affect his citizens.

a. Proposed 2021 Tax Rates

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Tavernier commented that he was pleased to see the tax decrease.

Chairman Stanley commented that they are taking the County's finances very seriously, and thanks to Mr. Unmussig and staff, been able to find more sources of revenue for the County which helps the citizens.

Supervisor Saunders commented that it was in the best interest of the citizens.

Supervisor Tyree commented that this budget also added a paid EMS to the County, and was a win-win. Goal is to do what we can to ease the burden of the citizens.

b. FY 2021-2022 Budget

The Chairman opened the public hearing. The following citizens signed up to speak.

Betty Myers commented that the County Administrator did an excellent job in the presentation, her questions were explained. She also stated that she had met with three people from VDOT in regards to the roundabout and that site was selected due to Cobbs Creek. She agreed with Supervisor Tavernier, that the project should be scaled down.

Leigh McCrea commented that there were concerns with the school's budget.

Christine Ross commented that the County should fund the school's budget as presented by the School Superintendent. What was presented is the bare minimum and does not include funding of some program, and the funding this year was the lowest it's been in ten years.

Jennifer Sullivan commented that the underfunding of the school was an injustice, and will cut the progress the county has made.

With no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

c. CIP FY 2021-22 thru 2025-26

The Chairman opened the public hearing. One citizen was signed up to speak but declined, with no other citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Chairman Stanley and County Administrator, Mr. Unmussig discussed the funding increase and CARES/American Rescue funds for the Schools. Chairman Stanley suggested that Mr. Unmussig and Dr. Jones get together to resolve some budget questions and the issue with schools accounting system.

6. Adjourn -

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of the Board to be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021 in the Board meeting Room located at 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Don Unmussig, County Administrator

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April 2021, at the Cumberland County Circuit Courtroom:

Present: Brian Stanley, District 1, Chairman
Eurika Tyree, District 3, Vice-Chairman
Ron Tavernier, District 2
Gene Brooks, District 4
Robert Saunders, Jr., District 5
Don Unmussig, County Administrator
Jennifer Crews, Finance Director
Brian Butler, County Attorney
Stephany Johnson, Zoning Administrator

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Stephany Johnson, called the roll.

3. Adjourn into Closed Meeting

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried by the following vote, the Board entered into closed meeting pursuant to the Virginia Code Section set forth below to discuss the subject identified:

- Pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711.A.7: Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the public body;

- Pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711.A.8: Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.
Subject: Two potential litigation actions

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – absent
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

*** Supervisor Tavernier arrived at 6:04 p.m.***

4. Reconvene in Open Meeting

The Board returned to regular meeting on a motion by Supervisor Tavernier:

A motion was made by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Tyree, and adopted by the following vote:

Mr. Stanley –	aye
Mr. Tavernier –	aye
Mrs. Tyree –	aye
Mr. Brooks –	aye
Mr. Saunders -	aye

that the following Certification of a Closed Meeting be adopted in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmation recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Cumberland County; and (iii) no action was taken in closed session.

5. **Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

6. **Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

7. **State and Local Departments/Agencies**

a. Cumberland County Public Schools

Dr. Jones gave the following update to the Board:

- They had a great spring break
- Staff received second dose of COVID Vaccine
- Football team won their first game of the season
- Volleyball is playing in tonight's first round of regional playoffs
- Mario Carter made the All-District Cross-Country Team
- Kaliyah Braxton, Janaia Trent, and Nalonda Henderson made All District Cross Country Team

- Golf Team places second in Region 1B Tournament. Jack McCutcheon and Tad Bryant will be participating in the Class One Championship in Blacksburg
- Celebrated Teacher of the year for each school: Ms. McCutcheon (CCES), Mr. Mawyer (CMS), and Mr. Nelson (CHS)
- Addie Carney was the winner of the AMMD Pine Grove Project Women's History month essay contest.
- Maleeyah Scruggs received award for the writing contest in the DAR scholarship Competition
- Registration for Pre-kindergarten April, 15-16 and April, 23-29. Registration for Kindergarten is April 15
- Still doing food distribution. Wanted to thank the school nutrition team for the awesome job they have done.
- Coach Bell did a surprise celebration for the transportation team
- Celebrating Autism Awareness Week
- Sgt. Major Tigs was awarded U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC Bronze Instructor Award for his Service to the CHS JROTC program
- JROTC participated in competition at VCU
- Mr. Dingeldein, Ms. Overstreet, and Mr. Motter were recognized by SVRTC for their support and integration of technology in the classroom
- Modified National Honor Society induction ceremony at CHS
- Celebrated National Assistant Principals Week
- Virtual meeting with teachers
- Virtual meeting with Farmville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. on partnership with CuCPS
- NBC 12's Andrew Friden gave a shoutout to our second grade students green room weather report
- Celebrated #loveyourlongwoodday
- Middle school is sponsoring Earth Day poster contest
- Thank you to the community for all their support

b. VDOT

VDPT representative Steve Snell called in, but due to technical issues, was unable to give report.

c. Cumberland Public Library

Mrs. Lisa Davis, Librarian, provided the Board with the following report:

- Sweets in the Stacks basket raffle is May 1st, 4:00 – 6:00pm, and will be held outside
- Summer reading registration begins the 1st of May
- Upcoming events flyer available
- Outdoor movie night May 27th, showing the movie “Hook”
- Have received multiple grants to purchase items such as; hand sanitizer, book lockers, books, projector and screen

d. Cumberland Fire and EMS

Mr. Tom Perry provided the Board with the following report:

- They dealt with challenges from severe weather and ongoing issues from the pandemic. Allowing for plans to be put into place for the future.
- Applied for grant to provide new fire engine for the County, grant approval is pending
- Applied for grant for cardiac monitoring equipment, grant is also pending approval
- Working on redistricting the fire and EMS borders for the County and updating mutual aid agreements
- With the help of County staff and health department were able to host a vaccine clinic, and 255 citizens were able to attend and receive the COVID Vaccine.
- Introduced County Fire Marshall, Mr. Doug Martin

8. Public Hearing Notices/Set Public Hearings

N/A

9. Public Hearings

- a. CA 21-03 Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Fire Protection and Emergency Services Ordinance Revisions

County Administrator, Mr. Don Unmussig advised the Board that they reorganized and restructured the code as recommended in 2018.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. With no citizens signed up to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Tavernier commented that we've made great strides to improve the and assist the citizens, and he was strongly in favor of the proposed changes.

Chairman Stanley commented that he was grateful for better response times and more cohesive leadership.

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board approved the CA 21-03 Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Fire Protection and Emergency Services Ordinance Revisions:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

10. County Administrator Report

- a. Consent Agenda
- 1) Approval of Bills
 - 2) Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2021

County Administrator Don Unmussig gave the Board an update on Broadband in the area. The estimated timeline for availability is about 18 to 24 months.

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders and seconded by Supervisor Stanley, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

b. Adopt 2021 Tax Rates

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, seconded by Supervisor Saunders and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and approved the 2021 Tax Rate:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

c. Adopt FY 2021-2022 Budget

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and approved the FY 2021-2022 Budget of \$34,701,727.

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

d. Adopt CIP FY 2021-22 thru 2025-26

On a motion by Supervisor Brooks, seconded by Supervisor Tyree and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and approved the CIP FY 2021-22 thru 2025-26.

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

- e. Appointment to SVCC Board

County Administrator Don Unmussig advised the Board that the Southside Community College Board needed a new Cumberland County representative.

11. Finance Director's Report

- a. Monthly budget Report

There was no discussion regarding this item.

- b. Request for appropriation of - \$800.00 from Clerk of Circuit Court:

On a motion by Supervisor Tavernier, and seconded by Supervisor Tyree, the Board approved the appropriation of \$800.00 from the Clerk of Circuit Court:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

- c. Request for appropriation - \$5,142.80 from Clerk of Circuit Court

On a motion by Supervisor Saunders, seconded by Supervisor Brooks, the Board approved the request for appropriation of \$5,142.80 from the Clerk of Circuit Court:

Vote: Mr. Stanley – aye Mr. Tavernier – aye
 Mrs. Tyree – aye Mr. Brooks – aye
 Mr. Saunders – aye

- d. Request for appropriation - \$99,791.00 from School Superintendent

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board approved the request for appropriation of \$99,791.00 from the School Superintendent:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

12. Planning Director's Report

a. Planning Director's Report

b. CA 21-05 Proposed Solar Facility Code Amendment

Zoning Director, Stephany Johnson advised the Board that the Planning Commission requested that staff undertake additional ordinance amendments. The Planning Commission is set to hold a public hearing on April 26, 2021 and recommend that the Board set this for Public Hearing at the next regular meeting, May 11, 2021.

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree, seconded by Supervisor Saunders, the Board approved to set CA 21-05 Proposed Solar Facility Code Amendment for Public Hearing at the May 11, 2021 meeting:

Vote:	Mr. Stanley – aye	Mr. Tavernier – aye
	Mrs. Tyree – aye	Mr. Brooks – aye
	Mr. Saunders – aye	

13. County Attorney's Report

N/A

14. Old Business

N/A

15. New Business

The Board requested that County Administrator, Don Unmussig meet with the School to address the auditors' findings in regards to the school and county having two different accounting systems, and bring a report back at the June meeting.

16. Public Comments

William Tunstall commented that he would like to see a law passed for owners of birds and poultry. His neighbor has guineas and they are always on his property.

Elaine Whitley commented that she owns the Hamilton High School and had concerns about the size of the proposed roundabout. She wanted to know what the plans were for her property and the adjoining. The County had the keys to her building, that she would like back from when they were looking at using the school as a COVID Hospital.

Anne Sayles commented that she owns the house where the proposed roundabout is going, and that the roundabout did not belong at that location. She would like to see a meeting with the residents in that area and the Board.

Bill Bruce commented that he had the transcript from the VDOT meeting on the roundabout. He stated the previous Board and Vivian Giles lied on the application in order to received state and federal funding.

Allen Martin signed up to speak but declined to comment.

Mo Duncan signed up to speak but declined to comment.

Betty Myers thanked the Board for the tax decrease. And she also commented that the County needed a grocery store.

17. Board Member Comments

Chairman Stanley replied to the comment made by Elaine Whitley that the County had the keys to her building and wanted to use it for a COVID Hospital. He explained that he was not sure what she was referring to, the County did not take the keys to her building, but would try to find out about that. Also, that the County had no plans of taking her building.

Supervisor Tavernier also commented to Ms. Whitley that the county had no intentions of taking her property. He also commented that VDOT was planning on having a roundabout design public hearing, and if they removed the unnecessary additions to the roundabout, it would have minimal effect on the current properties. But it was up to the citizens to voice their concerns to VDOT then. This project was dumped in their laps, and they have been transparent throughout the entire process.

Supervisor Tyree commented that the Board hears the concerns of the citizens, and they feel the same. They are doing all they can to try to get things done in the County. They want Cumberland to be self-sufficient, and not have citizens that have to travel to other areas for food and doctors. Baby steps have to be taken, and when the Board tries to bring in small things that could potentially lead to a grocery store, the citizens get upset.

18. Additional Information

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) DMV Report
- c) 2020 Annual Business License Report
- d) Monthly Building Inspections Report
- e) Approved Planning Commission meeting minutes – N/A
- f) Approved EDA meeting minutes – N/A
- g) Cumberland 4-H monthly update – N/A

- h) Cumberland Community Cares/Delma's Food Pantry/Cumberland Path monthly update – N/A

19. Adjourn –

On a motion by Supervisor Tyree and seconded by Supervisor Tavernier, the Board adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of the Board to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021 in the Board meeting Room located at 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia.

Brian Stanley, Chairman

Don Unmussig, County Administrator